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BODY FORMED BY FRICITION STIR WELDING**

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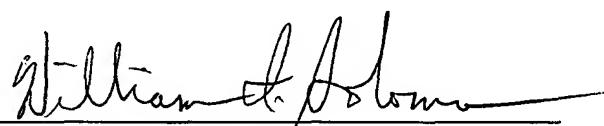
Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 8-62491, filed in Japan on March 19, 1996.

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